Production of Soya-bean

4176. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target for production of soya-bean for 1987-88;

(b) what are the steps taken to reach higher production; and

(c) what are the steps taken to rehabilitate the sick soyabean processing uuits which are on the verge of closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The tentative production target of Soyabean during the year 1987-88 is 13.57 lakh tonnes.

(b) A centraly Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation in important Soyabean growing states for increasing the production of soyabean. The project provides financial assistance for various critical inputs in order to induce the farmers to take up soyabean cultivation on a large scale.

In addition, an Oilseeds Production Thrust Project with 100 % Central assistance has been sanctioned for implementation in kharif 1987 for increasing the production of Oilseeds including soyabean in important oilseeds growing States.

(c) No such report on closure of soyabean processing units has been received. Efforts are being made to increase the soyabean production to the maximum extent possible.

Reclamation of ravines in Madhya Pradesh

4177. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large areas occupied by the ravines in the northern districts of Madhya Pradesh can be reclaimed and made cultivable;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the work relating to the reclamation of these ravines; and

(c) what is the amount sanctioned for various projects for the aforesaid purpose during the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For the Seventh Five Year Plan under the "Central Assistance to State Plan" a scheme for Reclamation and Stabilisation of Ravinious Areas in the problem States including Madhya Pradesh, has been approved. However, it has been decided that funds would be provided on year to year basis. For 1987-88, an amount of Rs. 4.52 crores is being provided by the Central Government to the State of Madhya Pradesh for treating about 10,800 hectares of land. In addition, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have also been making efforts in this direction and they have so far treated about 7,200 hectares under their State Sector programme.

House for landless rural labourers

4178. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent on the implementation of the scheme of houses for the landless rural labourers in Madhya Pradesh during 1985-86, 1986-87 and the current year;

(b) how many families have been benefited under this scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to augment allocation for this project in view of the lack of housing facilities for thousands of poor landless labourers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount allocated and spent on the imple-

mentation of the scheme of the Allotment of House-sites-cum-Construction Assistance to Landless Rural Labourers in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1985-86, 1986-87 and in the current year is as follows:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	Amount allocated	Amount spent
1985-86 . . .	506.00	536.11
1986-87 . . .	525.00	564.75
1987-88 . . .	600.00	235.50 (upto June, 1987)

(b) From 1985-86 to 1987-88 (Upto June, '87) 1,26,104 landless families were allotted house sites and construction assistance was provided to 55,114 such families in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) There is no such proposal to augment allocation from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Land to houseless urban poor in Madhya Pradesh

4179. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total acres of land which has been distributed to the houseless urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 in the State of Madhya Pradesh since the Act came into force;

(b) what portion of the aforesaid has been distributed to the houseless urban poor and how many urban poor families have been benefited; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that large number of poor houseless families are benefited by the proper implementation of Urban Land Ceiling Laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment to the post of Chief Engineer (Foods) in Delhi Administration

4180. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Water Resources had advertised the post of Chief Engnieer (Floods) under the Delhi Administration in January, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration had forwarded a panel of 4 Superintending Engineers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Appointment had approved one name out of this panel in April 1987;

(d) whether the person approved by the Cabinet Committee has since been appointed to the post;

(e) if so, what are the particulars in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons for which the person approved by the Cabinet Committee has not yet been appointed and by when the said appointment is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) The proposal for appointment of an officer out of the panel sent by the Delhi Administration against the post of Chief Engineer (Irrigation and Flood Control) is under consideration of the Government and as soon as a final decision is taken, formal orders of appointment will be issued.